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TOPIC Military Activity in the Northern Portion of the Soviet ZoneEVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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1. On 22 December 1954, approximately 40 trucks towing mortars, presumably of 160 mm caliber, were seen en route between Wudicke and Hohengoehrener-Damm.

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2. At 1600 on 25 December, 33 trucks approached Rathenow from a westerly direction. The trucks towed 160-mm mortars and were occupied by soldiers equipped with small arms. The trucks apparently returned from a major exercise. ¹

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3. At noon on 27 December, 12 rocket launchers and 6 trucks with approximately 120 soldiers left the Kraftfahrer Kaserne (5443) in Rathenow and went toward Bamme. At 1430 on 29 December, 12 rocket launchers also left toward Bamme for exercises.

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4. At 1300 on 7 January 1955, 8 x 160-mm mortars and 4 x 120-mm mortars left the Infanterie Kaserne (5441) in Rathenow toward Bamme.

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The mortars returned at about 1600. ²

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5. At 0900 on 24 December, 4 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 5 tractors, 2 trucks and 2 boxcarloads of troops were entrained for Altengrabow at the Potsdam-Wildpark railroad station.

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6. At 0800 on 27 December, 4 x 152-mm gun howitzers, 5 tractors trucks 2 field kitchens and 2 boxcarloads of troops, which had arrived from Altengrabow, were detrained at the Potsdam-Wildpark railroad station. ³

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7. About mid-December, 85-mm AT guns from the artillery brigade in Olympisches Dorf (2067) in Doberitz were shipped away. On 18 and 19 December, the brigade received new 152-mm field howitzers with three-axle trucks with all-wheel drive and 76-mm field guns were seen with the brigade.

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7. About mid-December, 85-mm AT guns from the artillery brigade in Olympisches Dorf (2067) in Doeberitz were shipped away. On 18 and 19 December, the brigade received new 152-mm field howitzers. Subsequently, 100-mm AT guns with prime movers, 152-mm field howitzers with three-axle trucks with all-wheel drive and 76-mm field guns were seen with the brigade. 4
8. At 1930 on 5 January 1955, 6 x 152-mm field howitzers, 6 x 100-mm AT guns, 6 x 76.2-mm field guns, approximately 44 trucks [redacted] prime movers, 4 field kitchens and approximately 500 soldiers from Olympisches Dorf were entrained at the Dallgow railroad station. 5 25X1
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9. At 0745 on 22 December, a column of 20 trucks towing 76-mm guns and 5 to 8 radio trucks left the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf (2065) in Doeberitz. A tank column left the Adler/Loewen Kaserne (2063) at the same time. Exercises were reportedly held at the Doeberitz training grounds. 6 25X1
10. At 1400 on 7 January 1955, a train of 14 flatcars and 3 boxcars carrying 6 x 37-mm AA guns and 8 trucks with billeting equipment and soldiers was seen at the Fuerstenberg/Havel freight station. 7
1. [redacted] Comment. Units of the 65th Mort Brig apparently conducted exercises west of Rathenow between 22 and 25 December. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. After late December, units of the 25th Gds RL Brig and the 65th Mort Brig probably conducted small-scale exercises in the vicinity of the post. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a battery of the 34th Arty Div was dispatched to Altengrabow [redacted] the battery returned after a short-term firing practice on 27 December. 25X1
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4. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] a total of 24 x 152-mm field howitzers had been shipped to Doeberitz for the 2d Light Arty Brig on 28 November and 3 December. [redacted] the brigade turned in 24 x 100-mm AT guns on 8 December. [redacted]. It is therefore believed that source of the present report erred about the date and caliber of AT guns. It is believed that the equipment of the brigade included only individual 76-mm field guns. 25X1
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5. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the shipment went to Altengrabow [redacted]. Units of the 2d Light Arty Brig probably were to conduct short-term firing practices at Altengrabow. 25X1
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6. [redacted] Comment. The exercises at the post training grounds probably involved units of the 1st Mecz Div. The observation that training activities were shifted from the installation to the field after late December was also made with other units in the Soviet Zone. 25X1
7. [redacted] Comment. This was probably one of the exchange shipments of units of the 31st AAA Div which, from their post, were employed in the protection of the Hq Second Gds Mecz Army in Fuerstenberg. 25X1

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